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European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 860 978;
Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-275209, together with an English language Abstract of the same from Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 1999, No. 01;

U.S. Patent No. 5,911,044, together with patent family members U.S. Patent No. 6,256,662 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/014908; and

European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 989 729.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner are set forth in the European Search Report.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publication are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

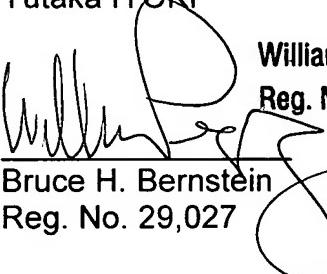
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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